



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

October 13, 2000

**H.R. 4275
Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge
Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000**

As cleared by the Congress on October 5, 2000

H.R. 4275 would establish the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area on about 122,300 acres of federal land in Colorado and Utah. The legislation also would designate the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness, consisting of about 75,550 acres in those states. H.R. 4275 would withdraw federal land in the proposed conservation and wilderness areas, as well as federal land between the boundary of the conservation and the high-water mark of the Colorado River, from mining, mineral leasing, and geothermal leasing, subject to valid existing rights.

Because enacting those provisions could result in forgone receipts from those lands, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. According to the Bureau of Land Management, however, those lands currently generate no significant receipts from mining or from mineral or geothermal leasing, and the agency does not expect them to generate significant receipts over the next 10 years. Hence, we estimate that any changes in federal receipts under this legislation would total less than \$500,000 a year.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.